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Lord, in loving contemplation fix our hearts and eyes on Thee
Till we taste Thy full salvation and Thine unveiled glory see.

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Holy Week

A Chain of Prayer

MONDAY

He went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there (Matthew 21:17).

So hast Thy last week begun, Lord Jesus, great Passion King. At the close of Palm Sunday, we would go with Thee to Bethany, to that little home where Thou wert so often a guest. There we would see Thee in the quiet company of those who loved Thee, those to whom Thou didst show love. And we would think of that home as a model for our homes: the place where Thou art the Head of the House, its honored Guest, the silent Listener to every conversation. Come into our hearts, come into our homes. Abide with us through life and in eternity. Amen.

TUESDAY

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him to you?" (Matthew 26:14).

Am I too a Judas, Lord Jesus? I am Thy disciple; so was he. Thou hast taught me to love Thee, even as he did. But I am prey to the same temptations—selfishness, love of money, lust for power. Was it not these that were the downfall of Thy disciple Judas? Strong Jesus, give me of Thy strength that I may be able to stand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Gentle Jesus, show mercy to me when I waver. Pardoning Jesus, forgive me when I fall. Amen.

WEDNESDAY

I do not pray that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil one (John 17:15).

There in the solemn stillness of the Upper Chamber, Lord Jesus, we hear Thy prayer for Thine own. Ahead lie the terrible hours of passion, of pain and suffering. Yet Thou dost pray for Thine own: that they may be guarded and kept; that they may be useful to Thee in building Thy Kingdom. Do I not hear my name in that prayer, too? Am I not one of Thine, purchased with Thy Blood, set apart for Thy service? Pray always for me, conform me to Thy will, make me wholly Thine. Amen.

THURSDAY

And they went to a place which was called Gethsemane (Mark 14:32).

Our Lord, we hear Thee say, "What, could ye not watch with me one hour?" For we too fall asleep in Gethsemane. There Thou dost agonize; there is the cup of suffering placed to Thy lips and Thou dost drain it to the dregs. And Thy disciples sleep! O merciful Christ, forgive us our drowsiness. We should be Thy servants, awake to hear Thy command, alert to do Thy bidding. Still the world presses upon the gates of Gethsemane, hurrying to betray Thee. Give us strength and courage to be faithful disciples, doing Thy bidding. Amen.

FRIDAY

There they crucified him, and with him two others, on either side, and Jesus between them (John 19:18).

O man of Sorrows, Thou who wert acquainted with grief: Now is salvation being won for the disobedient sons and daughters of man. Now is the Seed of the woman bruising the serpent's head. Now is the Second Adam bearing the First Adam's guilt. I cannot understand Calvary and the Cross; such power is beyond me to comprehend, such love far beyond me. But I can believe; because Thou didst die upon the Cross, Thy Spirit can create faith in me. And I can adore. Here at Thy Cross I kneel and acknowledge Thee as my Lord and my God. Amen.

SATURDAY

There was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb. . . They laid Jesus there (John 19:41-42).

Thy grave, Lord Jesus, was but Thy resting place for a little while. Even as loving hands laid Thee there, the Easter sun was getting ready to shine. Soon Thou wouldest rise, victor over death. I too shall lie in the grave when life's little day is ended. Yet but for a time, for I too shall rise. Because Thou dost live, I too shall live. So on this Easter Eve, here in the quiet of the garden, I wait for the first rays of the Easter sun to shine upon me. I praise Thee for Thy life, for Thy death, for Thy burial, for Thy resurrection. Amen.

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For Real Action—Knee-Action

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Those who have had an opportunity to preview the program from the International Young eople's Luther League Convention to be held in San Francisco June 21-26, know that we have gathering which will see every session jam-packed with action. But before that action can become reality in June, much activity must go into the planning in the intervening months.

We remember the words of the Lord of the Church, "Without me ye can do nothing." With- t prayer and the spirit of prayer moving mightily in the hearts of people and setting hearts aflame ith desperate urgency and deep concern, our International Convention can easily become an npty form, a futile though flashy gesture, an abomination in the sight of God.

Therefore we come to you in *an urgent call to prayer*. Prayer is the bulwark God uses against ere bigness, spectacular array, and a form of godliness without power.

"For Real Action we must have Knee-Action"—fervent intercession for the convention and all ersons and things connected with it. We are thankful to God that many are already praying rnestly for those in charge of the planning, for those who will be on the program, and for all ho will attend, that the whole period may be a time of spiritual deepening and quickening. Con- onted by vast and wonderful opportunities offered by the Convention, will you *join with us in Prayer Crusade as we move forward*?

We realize that a prayer fellowship cannot be organized and that one must not attempt through uman ingenuity and purpose to create power through prayer. It is not our speaking or listening, t our convocations of prayer, that really count. Rather it is this, that we lay hold upon the acious promises of God, which are undergirded by the Incarnation, Death, Resurrection, and riumph of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has called us to pray, and His call is not in vain. He has omised to hear us.

As we pray, let us pray not only for what we want, but for what we deeply need. Let us pray at through the Convention and all related activity our youth may be built up spiritually and at our lives may be activated for the Lord Jesus Christ and His on-going program.

A Prayer for the Convention

Father in heaven, bless to us this day as we continue in preparation for the harvest of souls hich Thou hast laid upon our conscience.

For the leaders of our Young People's Luther League, the committee members, those who all be participants in the program, we pray: Grant them such measure of Thy divine wisdom d power that they may know what it means to "Win with Christ."

For all who shall attend the Convention we pray: Be their Guide in preparations and in urneyings, that none may suffer injury to body or soul, but that strengthened they may go rth from the sessions with confidence as true ambassadors for the Gospel.

For all the pastors and youth leaders and officers in our local congregations we pray: Guide us Thy Holy Spirit in all our work, and accept our feeble efforts to serve Thee in Thy Church. Jesus' Name, Amen.

Birthday Gift for Mama

Photo by H. Armstrong Roberts

"Down from the sprawling hills, through the grassy draws, the two walked quietly back to the bower of saplings upraised beside the little farm house."

ERLING
NICOLAI
ROLFSRUD

The dry prairie grass rustled in the morning breeze as the small boy ran plucking the orange-red goblets of blossom. Mama had said to be careful to get the stems as long as he could, and to take only the most beautiful blooms, for these Tiger Lilies were for Papa.

Even as he hurried about, the scrawny lad watched Mama anxiously. Her eyes, he knew, were too misted to see many of the bright Tiger Lilies. Often he saw her pause, look upward into the cloudless June sky, while her lips moved tremulously.

When his arms were full of the long-stemmed flowers, he came close to Mama, and he looked up for her approval. There was the reward of her sad smile as she said, "We go home now, Erling."

Down from the sprawling hills, through the grassy draws, the two walked quietly back to the bower of saplings upraised beside the little farm house. They two festooned the bower with the flowers they had gathered and Mama told her boy, "These were the flowers that Papa liked best."

Later that day, the neighbors came and Papa's bier was brought out under the shady bower. There was no church built yet in the western North Dakota community, so the neighbors stood about the bower while the minister prayed, and they sang hymns together under the azure sky. The boy sat with his brother and sisters and Mama, and he wept, not because he comprehended the loss of Papa, but because he sensed more his Mama's deep grief.

With Papa gone, Mama was often out in the fiel or in the barn to help the fourteen-year-old brother wit his man's work. In the house she flew from task to tas and seldom was there time for Mama to pluck th strings of her guitar and sing old Norwegian ballad The boy, like his sisters, had more chores to do—an he had less time to build mud dams down in the bu bling creek.

One of the boy's chores was to trot up the mile-lon pasture to fetch home the cows. When his bare fe scurried down the meandering paths, the magic carp of the boy's imagination would whisk him away ov the rock-knobbed hills to a make-believe land whe *he* was a prince and not skinny at all.

But there were times when the magic carpet was n mounted, for the boy would think instead of what th neighbors and Mama were saying about the rain th would not come, the crops that shriveled under the h sun. What was worse than anything was the dreadf mortgage-thing that he had overheard Mama and th older brother talking about—long after the boy w supposed to be asleep.

Yet when he asked Mama what this mortgage-thi might be, she only answered, "Oh, it is—only somethi —something that grownups talk about."

Then on Mama's birthday, the boy and his siste watched as Mama and the older brother drove away the buggy. This time they were not going to the cro roads store with cream and eggs, but were driving t many miles to the county seat, and their errand w about the mortgage-thing.

Mama had been gone but a few hours when t boy and his sisters seated themselves on the wide sto ledge before the door and watched for the returni buggy though they knew that it must be hours y before it could possibly reappear.

"It is Mama's birthday today," said the older sist

"And we have no birthday present for her," said the her.

The hot prairie wind soughed about the corners of e house while the boy yearned for his make-believe ingdom only long enough to bring from it a birthday ft for Mama.

But, of course, his only kingdom was the cow pasture here his imagination provided his scepter and crown. was in the cow pasture, too, that he and his sisters ere sent to gather the sun-dried chips of cow manure the only fuel that Mama, that summer, could afford r her cook stove.

He looked out to the coal shed now where the gunny cks of chips were stored, and he saw that but a half ck remained. With joy he turned to his sisters and id, "I know what we can give Mama for her birthday cow chips for the stove, lots of them!"

Quickly, because there was no other possible gift, e sisters agreed. Glad for something to hasten the hour Mama's return, the children hurried out to the pas- re, determined that they would fill at least *ten* sacks r Mama.

The spindle-legged boy ran with jack-rabbit speed he gathered the chips and dropped them into the cks the two sisters dragged after themselves.

When the ten sacks were filled and set in the coal ed, the children caught sight of the buggy—a half ile away. Down the dusty road they flew to cry, "Sur- ise, Mama, surprise for you!"

Soon the boy led Mama into the coal shed to see the thday gift while the older sister was saying, "We d nothing to give you for your birthday. So we got u lots of cow chips for the stove."

Mama looked at her three, and she smiled a tear- rkled smile. Then, standing there beside the sacks sun-baked manure, she looked out across the fields t were brown and sear, and with a steady voice she d: "The Lord is our shepherd . . . we shall not nt. . . . "

The boy's hand stole into Mama's as she spoke the lm, and when she had finished, he told her happily, he coal shed—with all the cow chips in it—it almost s over, too!"

Mama chuckled merrily, and Mama had not chuckled e old times since Papa had gone. She squeezed the 's hand. "We do not have our Papa—but we have heavenly Father—so everything—everything—will rk together for good."

Like a flood of morning sun, a radiance filled the 's heart. *No Papa . . . but the heavenly Father.* With unding surety he knew that he need not fear even mortgage-thing.

The years have passed, and Mama has long since n laid away beside Papa, but the boy still lives in

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the faith that was voiced that day beside the birthday gift for Mama.

District Conventions

DISTRICT	PLACE	DATES
Eastern	Trinity, Madison, Wis.	May 24-26
Northern Minnesota	First Lutheran Bemidji, Minn.	June 7-9
Southern Minnesota	St. Olaf College Northfield, Minn.	June 14-16
South Central	St. Olaf Lutheran Ft. Dodge, Iowa	May 31-June 3
South Dakota	First Lutheran Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	June 7-9
North Dakota	First Lutheran Williston, N. Dak.	May 31-June 2
Rocky Mountain	American Lutheran Billings, Mont.	June 8-10
Pacific	Trinity, Parkland, Wash.	June 6-9
California	Central, Van Nuys, Calif.	April 25-28
Canada	Zion, Saskatoon, Sask.	June 9-12

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Church Versus State

Harold Pop

SECOND IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES
ON THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN YUGOSLAVIA

Senior pastor of the Lutheran Church at Zagreb, Yugoslavia, is pictured in the center the above photo together with the young members of the confirmation class of the chur Deacons of the church are behind the confirmation class. This church has about 1,. members.

Almost all of the Lutheran Churches in Europe are State Churches and are supported by their governments. When the new Yugoslav government drew up its constitution, they decided to divide the Church from the State. This was a great shock to the Roman Catholic Church, because now they would lose their influence in the government and would not be recognized as a State Church. The Lutheran Church agreed to this act, because as a small Church it did not have as many rights as the other Churches. And now, as before the war, the Lutheran Church has had only one aim—to preach the Word of God and serve the people.

The constitution now gives all Churches equal rights. The Church does not have the right to preach politics, while on the other hand the Government has no right to have a voice in the work of the Church. The government established the Religious Affairs Office, which is the arbitrator between Church and State on questions which arise between them.

It was difficult to become adjusted to this new system, because there was little understanding between the Church and State, especially concerning the question of education in schools, and the question of whether or not a person can of his own will attend a service and be a member of a congregation. The situation became more tense when lower government offices in some parts of the country did not understand the intentions of the Lutheran Church. They thought that they would have services only in the German language and preach politics. Therefore it took the Church quite a while to get back their confiscated churches.

When the churches were finally returned to the congregations, the Church faced the problem of contacting the people and uniting them into solid congregations. To alleviate the problem, the pastor sent invitations to the members explaining to them that they were free to come to the services and that the Church was there to serve them. The government officials allowed services in the village after the Church proved that it was not preaching politics. But then, when this was settled, they overstepped their rights in working against the youth of the Church. They discouraged attendance by giving the young people low grades or even expelling th from school. This brought fear into the hearts of c members and so the Church reported this to the ligious Affairs Office, and most of the decisions reach were in favor of the Church.

In the meantime the emphasis was being put on goi out into the congregations and serving the people well as possible. It still is a problem to find out wh the Lutherans are living, and so to invite them to co and worship together. Many of the Lutherans scatte throughout the country thought that the Luthe Church was still a German-speaking Church and t were afraid to come to church; afraid because t might lose their jobs or become involved in more tr ble. The pastors of the Churches are now trying persuade these people that they do not have to wo about this, since the government has recognized Lutheran Church, and many Lutherans now belong a congregation.

The Lutheran Church in Croatia and Bosnia to has 22 congregations with only one pastor serving of them. Serving these people adequately and hold regular services is a serious problem. Most of the c gregations are located near train connections. The pa leaves his home congregation usually Thursday at n taking a train for 50 miles to the first congregation.

embers may come from a distance up to 30 miles to attend the serv-e. After the service the pastor holds nday school and confirmation ass for the children.

It is wonderful to see how these ople, in spite of their heavy work, not forget to come to worship m far away. Some of them come th horses, stopping to pick up her members who have no means transportation. Some ride bicycles take a train.

After the pastor has completed the vice, he rejoices with the people their joys and counsels them in ir problems. Then he takes the ght train, traveling another 50 les, arriving in a village where a mber of the nearest congregation its for him with his horse and gon. Together they travel for five six hours to the next congrega-n. The next afternoon more Lu-rans from different regions come attend the service. And again the stor travels further on to other congregations, serving to six or seven congregations in three or four days. ansportation in Yugoslavia is not as comfortable as it in the United States. The pastor does not have a car, travels usually by train, bus, horse and wagon, ycle, or flying to the most distant congregations.

Pastor Edgar Popp of Zagreb all set to take off by bicycle to inland congregations and churches in Yugoslavia. He will undoubtedly be gone for three or four days, traveling many miles. Notice the knapsack on his back for convenience in carrying his Bible, vestments, etc., while bicycling.

takes great strength to carry on this work, because n the travel makes one very tired. The trains are en crowded, seats unavailable, and when the pastor ght finally get to sit down, he must change trains in. When a pastor travels to Sarajevo, one of the re distant congregations, he takes the fast train to mall town called Vinkovci, which takes seven hours. re he must change trains, and even after hours of iting, the train is again full. After another eight rs the pastor finally arrives at his destination, tired, ty, and exhausted from his trip.

But, it is a wonderful thing to see a large number m the congregation waiting at the station to welcome pastor. Some of the members of this congregation Sarajevo work overtime making money so that they come with their families to church, sometimes travel-150 to 200 miles. They also take a train and travel ost all night in order to come to church. Here you see how faithful these people are, rejoicing at the ts of the pastor.

I had a wonderful experience when I conducted the service on Christmas Eve in 1951. It was the first service after the war in Sarajevo. The church was damaged during the war, and after the war the church was used as a storeroom. When the Lutheran Church in Bosnia got the church back it was in terrible condition. Only the walls and the roof remained. The steeple was leaning and the walls were full of cracks. Nothing was left in the church except a picture of Christ kneeling in prayer.

I brought a little Christmas tree with me. We placed a table in front of the picture of Christ; on the table we put a cross and the Christmas tree. Everyone held a candle so that we could read the hymns which we sang. We thanked God for giving us the opportunity to come together again as a small Lutheran congregation. After the service, seven children were brought by some of the members for baptism. The parents had waited long for the opportunity of having their children baptized. The Lord had given new strength to these people who were thirsting for the Word of God.

Last year the church in Sarajevo was rebuilt and dedicated with financial help from the Lutheran World Federation. Representatives of the Lutheran Church in America were present to attend the dedication. They were thanked for the help provided by Lutherans in the United States in the restoration of this Lutheran church.

While the pastor travels to the congregations in the southern part of Yugoslavia, the layman of the Lutheran Church travels in the northern part, doing the same work as the pastor. The largest congregation in Yugoslavia is in Zagreb. There the work can be done much more easily, because all of the members live in town, and do not have to travel so far. Also a better program can be carried on with the youth, in addition to the Sunday school. But still it is impossible to have a Luther League or YMCA-YWCA, because it is forbidden to have any type of church organizations. The service in Zagreb is held in both the Serbo-Croation and the German language. About 300 children are in the Sunday school and confirmation class. When the pastor is absent, one member of the congregation delivers the message, while another layman will teach Sunday school.

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View to the Future

The Board of Foreign Missions held its quarterly meeting March 7-9. The annual reports of most of the missionaries were presented for study, and recommendations made by Mission Conferences were considered.

It was decided to issue calls to eight new missionaries —two couples and two single workers for the Sudan, and two single workers for Japan. This adds to the group called earlier this year and will bring the total of our missionary family up to 305 if all of them accept.

The Board of Foreign Missions has a definite program to attempt in every possible way to train capable native leadership on each of our mission fields. There are three men from abroad who are now in this country under sponsorship of the Board of Foreign Missions, but on scholarships of the institutions or student bodies where they study. Pastor James Hu is studying at the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis; Pastor Paul Hu is studying at Luther Theological Seminary, and Mr. Jamie Vasquez from Colombia, South America, is studying at Luther College. We have recently received the information that both Paul and James Hu have been called to serve as instructors at the Theological Seminary in Hongkong. It was therefore decided that both of them should be offered one additional year of study at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul before returning to Hongkong to assume these new duties. It is also expected that Mr. Ernst Hochstrasser, who is of German nationality, now serving as pastor of the Lutheran Church of Colombia, under the Lutheran World Federation, will be spending one semester of study at Luther Seminary beginning next fall.

Besides training men in this country we have definite programs of study on the foreign mission field that will train Christians of those areas to serve as evangelists, parish workers, and pastors. In Zululand, South Africa, we have a theological seminary that is conducted jointly by several Lutheran groups. We are increasing the facilities of this seminary and have just received a notice of the dedication of the main building. The Rev. J. E. Farup, the president of the seminary, reports that four languages were used in the dedication services and that there were 140 invited guests from all over Natal, Zululand to help rejoice in this development of the seminary.

BIBLE INSTITUTE IN SOUTH AMERICA

In South America we have had a Bible institute for some time. Here we have trained evangelists, parish workers, and teachers. We have been using the theological seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, which is being conducted by the Missouri Synod, and have in this place trained three men in theology. Two have already returned and are soon ready for ordination. O man is now completing his course of study. We h other capable men as candidates for theological traini and our Board at this last meeting decided to particip in a union Lutheran theological seminary which w also be located in Buenos Aires. This seminary is cause for which we have worked for some time and are happy that it will be opening its doors to the fi student body on March 20 this year. The big share cost has been met by the ULCA and the Luther World Federation under its Committee of Lutheran C operation in Latin America on which we are rep sented as a Board.

We also have theological work being conducted Hongkong, in Tokyo, Japan, and in Tananarive, Ma gascar, together with other Lutheran missions.

The only major field where we do not now have a quate training for pastors is in the Sudan. The devel ment towards organized training of native workers th is relatively new and we have a Bible school for train evangelists and teachers. During the past year priv instruction in theology has been given by one of missionaries to some outstanding graduates of this Bi school who have been tested through many years fruitful work as evangelists. One of these men ordained in the latter part of February—the first in t mission to be ordained to the Holy Ministry. This a gratifying development and means that the format of a truly indigenous Church will be speeded up. T Board at this last meeting approved preliminary st taken by our Mission Conference in the Sudan to j with the Norwegian Mission Society located in an a adjoining our mission field, in conducting a joint theran theological seminary. In this way we feel t great strides are being taken on every mission field.

THREE NEWS CENTERS IN THE SUDAN

Among other things considered at this past Bo meeting was the extension of work in certain areas t are now open to mission activity and where there need. The opening of three new mission centers in Sudan was approved. In Colombia the opportunity purchasing property in Medellin was presented to Board. The Board approved such purchase, thereby tablishing itself definitely in that large city of Colom New work has also been begun within the past weeks in the city of Sogamoso. A Colombian evange and his wife are at present in charge where they h opened a school and are beginning evangelistic work

In Hongkong, approval was given for purchase

operty in a fast-growing area of the new territories here a Chinese pastor, Wu Ming-chieh, is working in e city called Yuan Lung, and in the surrounding area. The big development in Japan is the approval of ilding a Bible camp that was given by the Joint Boards The Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Lutheran ee Church. This will be the first Lutheran Bible camp Japan and work in this field has in the past three ars been very productive. The site of the camp is jacent to our mission field in a mountainous, heavily oded area. This project is being largely supported by e WMF of our Church. There is also development in adagascar. New plans for extending the service of r boys' school at Manantantely were under discussion d given tentative approval pending further study. The pe of our missionaries has been expressed that this ght branch out to include an industrial course and agricultural course. They have already added a com-rcial course to the regular academic training and rmal school training.

The western part of our mission field in Madagascar eived considerable attention. The eastern section of r field, called Tanosy, has six mission stations. Areas ere we have work include a total of 89,841 people. The stern section, called Tandroy, has only four stations ving in areas containing a population of 197,573. The neral opinion of the missionaries is that at least two re mission stations are needed now to cover the num- of people. The two areas suggested are Beloha with a pulation of 27,208 and Antanimora with a population 20,798.

n order to present these stations it might be interest- to quote a little from the Bekily Station report itten by Rev. Toso. He states that they had recently eived a map of the area. About it he writes as follows: That map brought some very shocking facts. To n them all up in one short breath would be simply to we haven't scratched the surface yet in the Bekily trict. Let us take Belindo Canton as a specific ex-ple. Though reports vary our present district chief s there are 18,000 people in that canton. In the eastern t of our mission field such a population is served by least four pastors, twenty catechists and two elemen- schools of our church plus at least five official ools. What do we have in Belindo? No official school, church school, no resident pastor—just one catechist. , one catechist! And this lonely soul is desperately ng to rebuild a congregation in that area that hasn't a decent ambitious worker in years. I hope we en't given anyone the impression there's an awaken- in Bekily. There can be no awakening until the rd of God has reached the people. We are rather awakening to the fact that this is yet to be realized he major part of the district.

One step of preparation has been to hold as firmly as possible to the principle that every place that has a worker must support him or he will be moved with no hesitation. This can hardly be said to be an obstacle to our mission effort; on the contrary, it's a guarantee that we are not building on false foundations."

One of the towns in the Belindo area of the Bekily District is Mahabo. About this place Rev. Toso writes:

"Mahabo is building a stone garderie twenty feet wide by forty feet long. The building site which they chose is approached from their village on a slightly ascending road already cleared like a highway. This spring there will be several catechumens baptized at the dedication ceremony of this new building. One of these is the former chief witch doctor of the village. He broke out into cold sweat when the fifth Commandment penetrated his dark heart. After more than a year of trying to live a double life he openly confessed his former life and sincerely hopes to be baptized along with his wife and children. We burned his heathen charms in September. I'm always happy to donate gasoline for such occasions to guarantee that all the horns, bits of wood, dirty trinkets and filthy rags will be thoroughly burned. But the question remains: can we build a parish on the fresh ashes of such bonfires? Mahabo is not the only village that would be concerned.

"It was the 'tafika masina' that brought us into the heart of the Manambovo river valley. We have an area made up of parts of four districts whose area is outlined by a line from Tsihombe to Antanimora to Bekitro to Tranoroa to Beloha to Tsihombe which is totally unevangelized. How densely populated it is we have but a vague idea. It is a river valley which is our first reason for believing it is well populated. Its northernmost drainage is our densely populated Belindo Canton. Our map shows it is well inhabited south of Bekitro. We have been into the center of the area and can testify it's a vast region of villages untouched.

"It was in this area in a village called Mahasira where the natives requested a worker. Several days later the leader of that request died suddenly. Ordinarily that would stop any thought of going ahead with an authorization, but when contacted again they met the catechist with the response that should be a challenge to us: 'He is dead but the living are still waiting.'

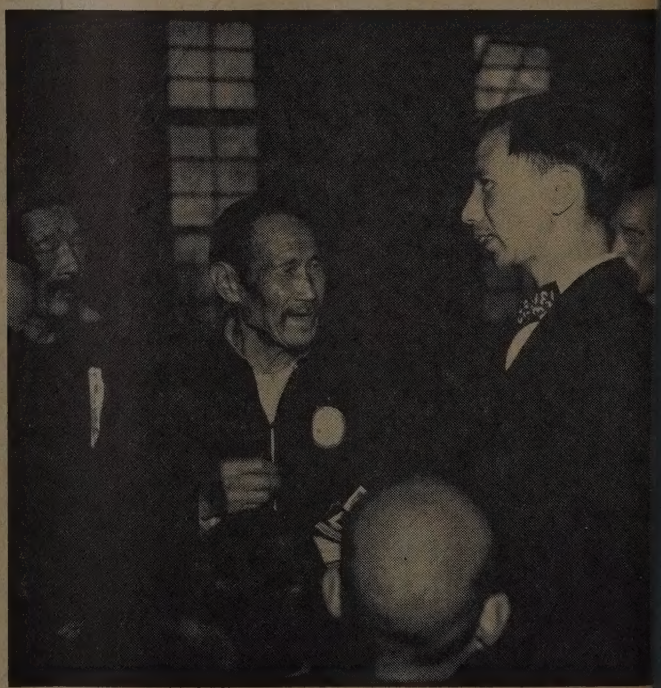
A LARGE AREA

The living are still waiting in this last big frontier of our mission. It's a large area. How long are we going to leave this region untouched? We hope Antanimora and Belhoa will have top priority for missionary personnel next year.

"The Bible retreats twice yearly for our catechists and pastors continue to be highlights in the year's work. We were daily challenged by God's Word during our Spiritual Emphasis week led by our Superintendent."

Tachen Refugees

The joint Lutheran mission in Formosa is work especially among the Chinese refugees from mainland who speak the Nationalist Chinese l guage. Some of the newest refugees that arriving are people evacuated from the Tac Islands. The Lutheran Church stood ready to r ister to these people on their arrival. Pictured the left are a group of these Christian refug outside the Lutheran Church in Keelung, Taiw among 18,000 Tachen refugees.



Our Chinese evangelist, Roger Peng, is shown conversing with several Christian fishermen in the photo at the right. They also are part of the group that came to worship in Keelung, the joint mission work which is conducted under one organization with the Rev. Arne Sovik as the superintendent. A church membership of 1,657 has already been built up, with 685 being baptized in 1954.

Ministry of Music

Oscar R. Overby

The dramatic sweep of the seasons should keep the minister of music constantly alert. With every degree of emotion as his scale he can hardly settle down to a stereotyped pattern of music. The joyous strains of Christmas have hardly abated before he is deep in Lent with its minor modes. The Hallelujah Chorus is placed on the shelf, and tradition would even deplete the worship liturgy of its Gloria. Before he has his registrations set for the somber, "What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend, For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity, without end?" Easter breaks in triumphantly, with the most radical change in key, to climax the greatest drama in history. Indeed, the alert musician of the Church has no time to settle down into ruts.

But can Lent be a season of song? What can music do in dark Gethsemane? Have we a message with a strong enough tune for humanity in chains today? What about modern Lent and a troubled world straining for a ray of hope, a Savior to inspire melody in the heart? Paul and Silas in the inner cell of their prison, at midnight with their feet fast in the stocks, "prayed and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them." If we had some of their faith and spirit perhaps our song might be heard even behind iron curtains. Our church music must be more than pleasant exercises; it must be the voice of concerned people—the "language we would borrow."

Lent, Passion, and Easter have in some instances inspired genius to create masterpieces of music, yet in view of the tremendous significance of the season, they are comparatively few in number. Perhaps the ground is too holy. The deeper nuances of the theme may have found no adequate counterpoint in the art of human imagination. The earthly drama rather than the divine seems to have captured the dreams of composers.

But a new age is here. We are suddenly swept into the whirlpool of upheavals on every hand. We might say that the whole world is crying out for something new, a better way of life and death. The church musician has reason to take note. With his advanced techniques in music, and with open doors on a world-wide front for ushering in the Gospel with its heaven-high overtones, the urgency to "sing unto the Lord a new song" indeed becomes a probing challenge. The place of music in the scenes of Lent takes on profound scope and meaning. As ministers of music we might conclude that if we are captured by the events in the Kingdom, and we can equip the song of salvation with the wings of modern art, perhaps the prisoners will hear us too.

With No Uncertain Sound

Harold B. Kildahl

EASTER SUNDAY
April 10, 1955
Text: Matthew 28:1-8

That's the amazing thing of it all—there is no uncertain sound. The heavenly announcement is bold, brief, directly to the point. Listen again as the announcement is given: "He is not here; He is risen as He said." In answer to the inquiring minds of men the voice of heaven replies: "Wherefore did you doubt?" And then it goes on to say that the whole matter has resolved itself into the fulfillment of everything that He had been saying right along.

That's what Easter means to the Christian faith. It means certainty—assurance—validity for it all. It means that even though we see through a glass darkly now, and even though the amazement of it over-powers the reason of man, and even though time passes and works havoc on the lives of men and "carries all her sons away," that there, in the promised light of tomorrow's horizon there is the absolute certainty that God will bring to pass that which He has promised. The words of our Lord are certain, sure, and without the faintest whisper of a shadow of doubt.

What a privilege it is to be Christian! What a privilege to carry the certainty of heaven in mind and heart. What a privilege to have the ringing assurance that though a man be dead yet shall he live again. What a privilege it is to be identified in the passage of time as one of His, one of the Lord's own friends. What a message we have to convey to others. It is the message of final assurance and of ultimate hope, of life that shall not fade away, the gift of God through grace by faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Is it any wonder that there was the sound of running feet that first Easter morning? Is it any wonder that the disciples were a transformed group of men? It it any wonder when Mary, John, Peter, and all the rest had that ringing assurance in their hearts?

With no uncertain sound heaven sends its announcement into earth; with no uncertain sound the churchmen of that day carried the news. So too, in this day, you and I are privileged to be the Christian church, and as such we ought to "gird ourselves," stripped of everything that can so easily beset us in the confusion of the age, and rise to the occasion of service and witness with no uncertain sound. You can never be the same again when you have once heard the great glad news, the gladdest news of heaven that has coursed through time. It is the news of angels underscoring the promise of God to men— "He is not here; He is risen as He said."

Poems of His Passion

Remember Me

"And it was night"—
The words are penetrating sharp
And steeped in gloom;
Could there be good from darkness,
Pain, and fear?
Three crosses and the evil wrongs of man,
And Goodness nailed there, too;
The blood-red of the darkening skies,
The moaning hearts of grief,
A mother's anguished cries;
Yet—one bright light—
The robber's plea—
"When to Thy Kingdom Thou dost come,
Oh, Christ, remember me."

MYRA JOHANNESEN

Barabbas

"Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered Him to be crucified.

He, the hardened criminal, Barabbas,
I, respectable, but sinful yet as he,
Arraigned before a Cross upon Mount Calv'ry,
Both guilty!

The world would say there was a difference;
They would not see the sin that stains my heart;
But there we stand, no differentiation,
Both guilty!

I do not like to stand by hard Barabbas;
I like to think I'm better far than he,
But God His judgment gives on all that's mortal—
All guilty!

I'd like to think Barabbas came to Calv'ry
To thank the One who took his place upon the tree,
Who loved him, though his life condemned him
As guilty!

Like him I cannot pay for my salvation,
But I can trust the One who died for me,
And now a new pronouncement comes from heaven—
Not guilty!

RUTH STENERSON

In Dark Moments

O Lord, I know not what the future holds in keeping;
I know not, Father, what Thou wilt that I shall do;
And often clouds of doubt before my soul are rolling
That hide the truth of heaven from my longing view.

At times this life seems but a vain contention,
Shorn of all hopes and with no distinct end in view.
My noblest aim, though made with good intention,
Seems, like all other earthly things, to be untrue.

But God will not forever keep me waiting;
Soon truth and blissful light will greet my darkene
soul.
The Lord of Hosts will not forget my longing
When forth to fight He calls His mighty battle roll.

ROBERT SKAR

"The Lord Hath Need of Him"

(Matthew 21:3)

"The Lord hath need of him."
The two disciples said
As they untied the colt;
Then back to Him they led
The humble beast, that day
When hundreds hailed Him King
And strewed palms on His way.

"The Lord hath need of him."
And so he'd let him go—
Though he might have refused;
He might have said: "Oh no,
The Master can't have him,
He must serve me today,
I need him in my work,
You can't take him away."

As sometimes now, when we
Are asked to serve, we say:
"I don't have any time,
I have too full a day."
For still the call goes out,
Yes, still the Lord does ask:
"I need your hands, your feet,
Your talents, for some task."

But, all too quickly, we
Can think of some excuse;
Lord, help us love Thee more,
That we do not refuse
To work while it is day,
For there's so much to do!
The harvest is so great,
The reapers are so few!

GERTRUDE E. WARTCHOW

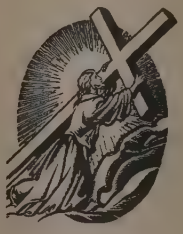
We Arrived at Calvary

So many things to do
And then Christ came.
Christ came
And called my name.
I cannot go—
I have too much undone.
But powerless
I lay the hammer down.

And as we walked and talked
The Savior said to me,
"You know, I too
Once laid the hammer down."
And then I saw
The nail-scarred Hands
I glimpsed the Crown of Thorns.

I had no Crown to wear.
I had no Cross to bear.
I stopped! He said:
"Child, Follow Me."
And we arrived at Calvary.

ELLA GOPLIN PETERSON



Won't You?

Christ saw the wrong my neighbor did to me,
And in His eyes that wrong was done to Him.
But Christ, in love and pity, took that sin
And died to save my neighbor from the wrong
My Neighbor did to me—and Him.

Christ saw my unforgiving heart
(For which He also died) and said to me,
"Deny yourself, take up your cross, and come."
In deepest grief He looked into my heart.
"I died for him," He said—"Won't you?"

ANNA GULICK

This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you—John 15:12.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestene

TOWARD THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

The Lesson: Acts 13:26-39 — **The Gospel: Luke 24:36-4**

Monday, April 11
VICTORY
Read I Corinthians 15:50-58

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

How much in debt we are to Paul for this beautiful passage! And there *are* times when we are deeply glad to God for the great truth set forth concerning the immortality of life when it is found in Christ. We may go along, merely counting on it. We accept it as a part of Christian teaching. Then comes the heavy blow; we lose one of our own, or we know that our own life is flowing from us. What then?

Victory! Made possible by Christ who overcame the foe. Who defeated it utterly. So that those who weep need not sorrow as though there was no hope.

This is the only victory there is. It deals with the real enemies, and it is shared with those who know they are lost unless they too are counted on the side of the Lord.

Fill us with true thanksgiving to Thee, O God, for the victory Thou hast won over sin, death, and Satan. Amen.

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Tuesday, April 12
TROUBLED?
Read Luke 24:36-49

"Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts?"

The disciples were concerned over what might have happened to Jesus. Reports had come that He was risen from the dead. But, it was hard to believe. So Jesus came to them: He asked them why they were upset; why were they wondering.

Sometimes we find ourselves in the same position. A cloud comes overhead and we say, "I wonder if there is anything to it. I wonder if I am not a fool to believe in the Bible, the Savior, the life to come." Then, perhaps, I begin to reason, and find that I can't "prove" everything I believe. Jesus can address His question to us, too! "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts?"

When we are in such times, we should be quick to let Jesus speak to us. Simply ask Him to do so, in simple faith, and he will. He never leaves Himself without witness. If you wish to know, you will.

Drive all doubt from me, O Jesus, and fit my eyes to truly see. Amen.

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Wednesday, April 13
GOD'S ARM
Read Isaiah 52:7-10

The Lord has bared his holy arm befo the eyes of all the nations; and all t ends of the earth shall see the salvatio of our God.

Isaiah looked forward to a day wh a complete demonstration of God's pow was to be made. He would lay bare "h holy arm" for all the world to see. the account of the suffering, death, a resurrection of our Lord is found t showing forth of the power of God. the coming of the Spirit and the fai that is given to man this power is seal and made effective in man.

Here is an arm on which we m count! Human arms soon grow wea and there never is enough muscle to l the burdens that come with life. But t holy arm of God, His love, His work f man, is strong. It knows no burden t great, no trial too overwhelming. H good it is to know that underneath l are the everlasting arms!

Teach us, O God, to let Thee lift t sins away. Help us to depend on T power and Thy might. Amen.

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Thursday, April 14
THE TEST
Read I John 4:1-6

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God.

There is need for watchfulness in life. Not everything that is put in print, nor everything that is spoken, is necessarily true. Especially is this so in the field of religion. Just because an article or a book has a Christian "tone" about them, or because a speech is well filled with Bible passages, it does not mean that what is offered is sound.

Back in John's day there were a lot of people going around speaking religiously. He warned the believers that they should not believe every spirit. Test them, he said. Try them against the one test that matters.

What is that? It is the same today as it was then: that "Jesus Christ has come in the flesh." This is the central truth about which everything else must be assembled. Faith that agrees with this is good faith, and fit to be proclaimed.

Help us to know, and show, O God. Amen.

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Friday, April 15
STEADINESS
Read John 6:65-71

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

To be of one mind and purpose is far better than to be forever changing your mind and re-picking your goals. A person who knows where he stands, and stays with it, is happy, and his life is useful, unless he has taken a wrong position.

Jesus saw many "starters" who turned out to be quitters. Always this was a sad sight. To His question, "Will you also go away?" Peter made the reply quoted above. He spoke wisely. When you have come to Christ you have come home. You need look no farther in the quest for eternal life.

But to be steady about it, that's the problem. Sometimes young people have a hard time to carry the faith of their childhood into adult years. Sometimes grown people seek "other" help in time of crises.

Lord, teach us that with Thee are found the answers to our inborn needs. Amen.

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Saturday, April 16
THE PREVAILER
Read Genesis 32:22-31

"Your name shall no more be ca Jacob, but Israel, for you have stri with God and with men, and have p vailed."

To a child this wrestling match betw Jacob and an angel is filled with wond To a grown-up, it seems to match hard experiences, the "wrestling matche we have with life. When we see Ja limping away from it, we are ready respect him. Not because he has b blessed, but because he fought for it; prevailed.

The thought that nothing is handed you in this world also applies, to a tain degree, at least, in the realm of Christian experience. True, salvation the free gift of God; ours by f through grace. Even so, it is not sim "dropped" on us as we go along. blessing of God sometimes comes thro struggle. Peace with God is sweet those who have found it through b trial. A tried Christian is a better Ch tian than one who has not wrestled.

Help us to prevail, O God, in acc plishing Thy will. Amen.

Schools and Colleges

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AUGUSTANA COLLEGE HOSTS LUTHER LEAGUERS

Luther Leaguers within a one-hundred mile radius of Sioux Falls were invited to participate in a convention on the Augustana campus on March 19.

After an official welcome by President Stavig, the group was addressed on the topic, "Life in Focus." Topics for smaller discussion groups were: "The Use of Drama in the Luther League," "How to Advertise Your League," and "The Use of Music in the League."

After the Saturday evening banquet, the leaguers were invited to attend the play, *Beggars on Horseback*.

BLANCHE THEBOM TO CONCLUDE ST. OLAF ARTIST SERIES

Mezzo-Soprano Blanche Thebom, a Metropolitan Opera star for the past ten years, concludes the 1954-55 St. Olaf College Artist and Lecture Series with her appearance on the campus April 15.

Miss Thebom, who rose to operatic success from a $20-a-week secretary job, has starred in rolls ranging from Dorabella in "Cosi Fan Tutte" to Carmen with the Metropolitan, the San Francisco Opera, the Stockholm Opera, and England's Glyndebourne Festival Opera.

The Artist and Lecture Series has brought five outstanding personalities to the St. Olaf campus this season. Besides Miss Thebom, the program included Hanson Baldwin, New York Times military expert; pianist Leonard Pennario, violinist Henri Aubert, the well-known educator Robert M. Hutchins, and the Westminster Choir.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE HAS MISSION CONFERENCE

Under the sponsorship of the Mission Crusaders Council at Concordia College a mission conference was held March 16, 17, and 18. The mission conference is an annual event on the campus.

The conference theme, "Is it nothing to you?" was selected from a quotation in Lamentations. Treating the sub-topics under that theme were Dr. Erling Hestenes, Zululand, South Africa; the Rev. John Watne, Sudan Mission; and the Rev. Hans V. Thoresen, missionary from South America.

CAMPUS PLAYERS PRESENT "HEARTBREAK HOUSE" AT ST. OLAF

The St. Olaf College players presented George Bernard Shaw's "Heartbreak House" in Northfield on March 24, 25, and 26. The play is, in Shaw's words, "A Fantasia in the Russian manner on English Themes."

"Heartbreak House" was under the direction of Ralph Haugen, assistant professor of speech and drama at the college. The role of Captain Shotover was played by Theodore Heimarck, Edina. Sophomore Lee Ann Irgens of Fergus Falls played Ellie Dunn.

SPRING PRODUCTIONS AT LUTHER INCLUDE DRAMA AND OPERETTAS

The drama and music departments of Luther College will present three spring productions.

"The Robe," a three-act drama based on Lloyd C. Douglas's novel, will be produced on April 28 and 29 by Campus Players. Two operettas, "Sunday Excursion" and "The Devil and Daniel Webster," are scheduled for March 31 and April 1.

Directors are Mrs. Helen Bodensteiner, "The Robe," and for the musical presentations, Miss Joyce Zastrow assisted by Bartlett Butler.

VIKING CHORUS OF ST. OLAF TO TOUR MIDWEST AND CANADA

The Viking Male Chorus from St. Olaf College will begin its annual ten-day spring tour on Sunday, April 3, with a concert at Northwood, Ia., under the direction of senior Donald Colton of Pittsburgh, Penna.

The chorus has scheduled the remainder of its 13 concerts in northwestern Iowa, western and northern Minnesota and Canada, where Winnipeg audiences will hear two performances. The home concert will be given Wednesday evening, April 13, in the gymnasium.

The Viking Chorus is unique among St. Olaf music groups in that since its origin in 1935, it has been entirely student organized, directed, and managed. In addition to its regular tour and numerous appearances on campus each year, the chorus has sung at a large number of off-campus events including the St. Paul Winter Carnival, the Music Educators National Conference at Milwaukee, and in Orchestra Hall in Chicago.

DRAMA-MUSIC FESTIVAL DATES SET AT PACIFIC LUTHERAN COLLEGE

The fourth annual drama-music festival at PLC will be held on the college campus May 5-8. Jennie Tourel, mezzo-soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company will be the opening artist. The Seattle Symphony orchestra, under the direction of Milton Katims, will give two performances on May 7. A festival chorus of 150 students will sing with the symphony.

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Gene Jack, Tacoma insurance broker has been elected president of the PLC alumni association. Other officers include Raymond Tobiason, vice-president; Mrs. Alvin Jacobs, secretary; Marvin Tommervik, treasurer; and Mrs. A. W. Ramstad, executive secretary.

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Four PLC debaters will compete in the biennial Pi Kappa Delta tournament to be held at the University of Redlands, California, April 3-8. Those making the trip will be Thomas Swindland, Parkland, Wash.; Stuart Gilbreath, Tacoma; Constance Hustad, Bellevue; Judith Bureker, Eugene, Ore.; and Prof. Theodore O. H. Karl, coach.

Here and There on the Christian Front

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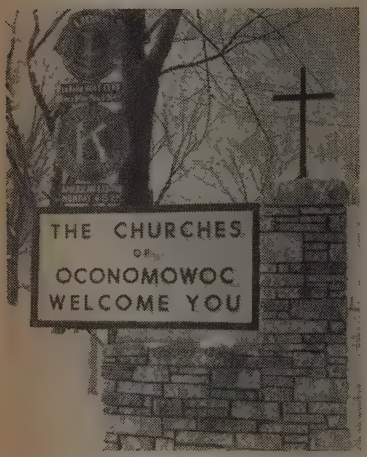
SERVICE CLUBS PROMOTE THE CHURCHES



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Church attendance is being promoted by an increasing number of service organizations in various parts of the country. An example of steps taken by such groups to promote religion is this stone and wood marker at the entrance to Oconomowoc, Wisconsin by the Kiwanis Club. Similar markers were erected by the group at two other highway entrances to the city. Cost of erection for each sign was $250.

ATTEMPTS CHANGE IN REFUGEE ACT

Democratic representative from N. Y., Victor L. Anfuso, has introduced five amendments to liberalize the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. Under the Act, Congress agreed to admit 214,000 refugees, but only 15,034 had been given entry as of January 31, 1955. Rep. Anfuso said, "The Refugee Relief Act of 1953 needs to be amended drastically, and it needs to be done as soon as possible, while there is still time to complete the program successfully. Each month that we wait will mean the loss of thousands of visas going to waste when the program ends in 1956."

The five changes which he proposed are:

Raise the age limit for orphans from 10 to 14 years. Because of the age limitation fewer than 500 have been admitted to date.

End the present rigid employment and housing requirements. It is proving impossible to obtain jobs and housing and hold them open for months while immigration visas are processed.

Eliminate readmission guarantees. European countries now giving temporary domicile to refugees are reluctant to agree to re-admit them if they are later found deportable from the U. S.

Revamp the program in order to take its administration out of the hands of the State Department and place it under the jurisdiction of an independent Refugee Relief Commission.

Provide that visas remaining unissued upon termination of the Act on Dec. 31, 1956, be distributed as extra quotas for the countries with large refugee populations.

EKID ASKS DIRECTIVE IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Some heated moments at a meeting of the Synod of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID) where major political questions were under discussion, brought a decision to instruct the Church's public affairs department to work out a basic directive to guide members of the Church in public matters.

A report by a special committee for public responsibility had said that conflicting views on incorporation of West Germany into the Western defense system served to divide the Church even as it divides all Germans. The committee warned that political concepts and goals should not be labeled Christian, and stressed that the Church realized it could not take responsibility for political developments.

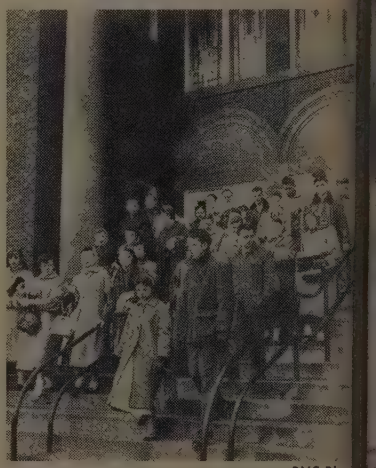
Bishop Otto Dibelius, a leader in EKID, stressed that the Church was not a direct participant in politics. Its job, he said, is to stand by to see if its services are needed in the interest of peace. Bishop Hanns Lilje, vice president of EKID, referred to conflicting theological judgments on political issues, saying that such differences must be endured, that they should be discussed frankly and without bias.

The Synod refused to re-elect Dr. Gustav Heinemann as president, apparently because of his opposition to West German rearmament within the Western defense plan, and the vigorous political activities which had been produced by him. Dr. Constantin von Dietze replaced him.

U.S.—SPANISH MARRIAGE AGREEMENT UNLIKELY

Vigorous protests by American Protestants last December seem to have produced a change in the plans for the marriages of Americans in Spain. Certain regulations had been prepared in a tentative agreement which would have recognized the right of Spanish Roman Catholic ecclesiastical authorities to veto marriages between American Catholics and non-Catholics and were under examination by the U. S. State Department. The protests caused

PRAYER SESSION BEFORE SCHOOL



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Carrying their books, high school students of various denominations leave Calvary Baptist Church in Youngstown, Ohio, after attending a weekly before-school prayer session. The teen-agers stop at the church at 7:45 every Wednesday for a 20-minute devotional period before going on to classes at nearby South High School. An informal service, open to senior high school students of any denomination, is devised and conducted by a different student each week. Young people of the Calvary Baptist Church started the service in January. Attendance started at 14 and has grown to about 100 each week.

the State Department to move much more cautiously than seemed probable in December.

Officials are now expecting that the matter will be resolved by an informal working agreement. If no agreement is signed, marriages of Americans in Spain still will come under Catholic canon law, since canon law on marriages is incorporated in Spain's civil law. But by not signing the pact, the U. S. is withholding sanction from procedures which in this country would be considered a violation of religious freedom.

The draft agreement was negotiated by a U. S. military mission in Spain to guarantee the rights of American chaplains to perform their religious functions while in that country.

CONGREGATION PLANS $65,000 FOR MISSIONS

An Indianapolis congregation with 242 members gave more than $55,000 to foreign missions in 1954 and has budgeted $65,000 for this year. Each member of Hope Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance gave an average of $226 for missions.

The Rev. Russell R. Kauffman, pastor, said the "average per person was more than that of any other church in America that we know of." He added: "This little church gave more for foreign missions than any other church in Indianapolis, regardless of size."

Mr. Kauffman said the congregation directly supports 17 missionaries and contributes also to the general work of the Alliance.

NAVY SECRETARY CITED

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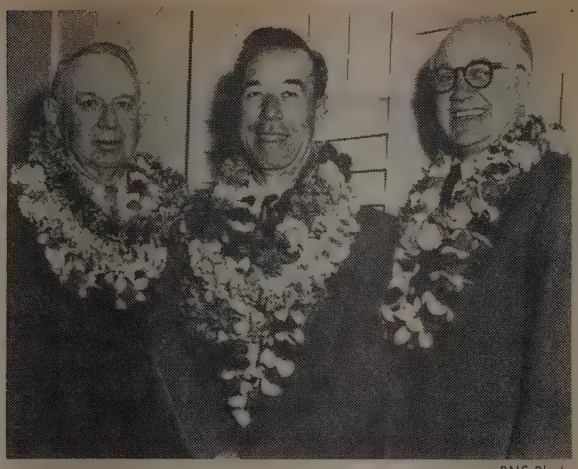
ecretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas ight) is congratulated by Protestant Episopal Bishop Francis Eric Bloy of Los Anles after being presented with the Bish's Award of Merit for 1954. Mr. Thomas, rmerly a vestryman at St. James' Episcoal Church of Los Angeles, has served on e strategy committee of the Los Angeles ocese and was a member of the Board Directors of the local Episcopal hospital. e was cited for being "one of those who, ving served the Church with distinction his parish and in this diocese, has taken s Christian awareness with him to the uncils of government." Secretary Thomas s named recently as member at large on e national executive board of the Episco- l Church's Committee on Laymen's Work.

METHODIST BISHOPS IN HAWAII



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Three bishops of the Methodist Church are shown on their arrival at Honolulu to participate in a five-day celebration marking the 100th anniversary of Methodism in Hawaii. Left to right are: Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City; Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of Los Angeles, head of the area which includes Hawaii; and Bishop Donald H. Tippett of San Francisco. Methodist work in the Hawaiian Islands was first organized by the Rev. William S. Turner, who arrived in Honolulu on July 18, 1855 from San Francisco.

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

Mr. Christian Christiansen, a layman from Denmark, has been appointed as senior representative of the Lutheran World Federation's Lutheran World Service Department in the Holy Land, succeeding Dr. Edwin Moll who has directed Lutheran relief work and supervised mission properties in the Near East since 1946. Dr. Moll is expected to return to his post as a secretary with the Board of Foreign Missions of the ULCA, from which he has been on a prolonged leave of absence. . . . For the first time in nearly 200 years Christian missionaries are working in the Kingdom of Nepal. An international team of medical missionaries, including two couples from the U. S., have established a small hospital and five maternity and child welfare centers in the country. The medical team is chiefly Indian, with a few Nepalese. . . . Six students have enrolled for the first academic year of the new Lutheran Theological Seminary for Latin America, slated to open this spring in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The new seminary, which is partially supported by the Lutheran World Federation, is designed to serve Lutheran Churches throughout the Latin American continent in preparing Spanish-speaking ministers. Three of the enrolled students come from the Argentina Church, and one each from the LaPlata Synod, Chile, and Venezuela. Additional students are expected to enroll, including one from Colombia. . . . The University of Uppsala, a focal point of theological studies in Sweden, expresses alarm over the lack of interest in such studies. It pointed out that in 1931 twelve per cent of the total student body studied theology as compared to only four per cent in 1954. It also pointed out that more scholarships are being offered to students of theology than to the students in any other field.

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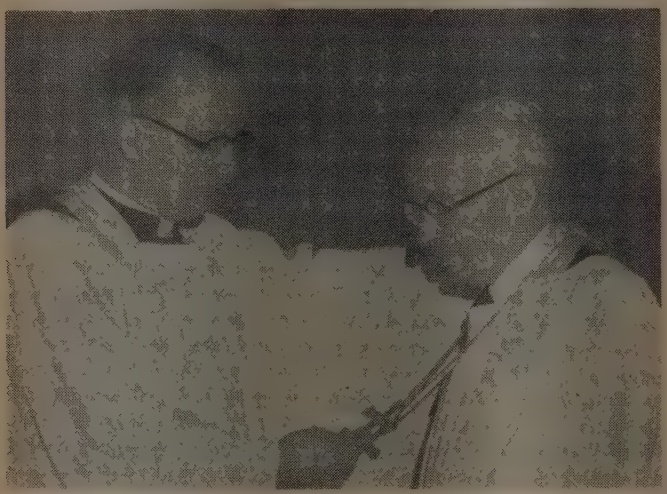


Dr. A. E. Hanson, president of the Northern Minnesota District since 1951, was recently given a gold cross and chain, similar to those worn by Lutheran bishops in northern Europe, by Trinity Church, Moorhead, Minn. This church, of which Dr. Hanson is a member, may be said to be the cathedral church of the District. The presentation was made by the pastor of Trinity parish, the Rev. Oscar A. Anderson, who in the accompanying picture is seen to the left of the district chief. The diocese of Dr. Hanson, the Northern Minnesota District, comprises 155 parishes with an aggregate membership of about 118,000 souls.

PERSONS

The Rev. Alfred Breivik, pastor of St. Paul's Church in Berlin, New Hampshire, since 1950, has accepted a call to become assistant pastor of Zion Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. He will move there about June 1.

The Rev. T. G. Sandeno, who since his retirement from the parish ministry has lived at Anaheim, California, sailed from New York March 24 for a two months visit in Norway. He is accompanied by two sisters and a brother-in-law; one of the sisters was the wife of the late Rev. N. A. Bjelde.

The Rev. James R. Otterness, Philip, S. Dak., has accepted a call to Our Saviour's Church in Omaha, Neb., and will move there the middle of April.

Mr. Enoch L. Scotvold, 27 years a lay evangelist in the E.L.C., has accepted a call to again join the staff of the Division of Evangelism. Mr. Scotvold will again be available for preaching missions, as his schedule permits. He can be reached by writing to him at his home address: 1906 "D" Avenue, National City, California.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

Eau Claire, Wis. Having retired in one year a $75,000 indebtedness incurred in building and equipping a guild hall-educational building, Our Saviour's Church, parish of the Rev. G. O. Halverson, has voted to buy a $23,000 home to replace the present parsonage, which will soon be moved away to make room for a new church building. The congregation has received from the estate of John and Andrine Kleven a bequest of more than $4,000 to be used for mission purposes.

South Central

Ames, Iowa. Two bus loads of women from the thirty-six Ladies Aids of the St. Ansgar Circuit will visit the Beloit Children's Home in this city, and also the sunset home in Story City on Tuesday, March 29.

Pacific

Lebanon, Oregon. Our Saviour's Church, parish of the Rev. M. E. Nesse, dedicated its new parish education hall Jan. 30, with District President Foss officiating. At the same time this four-year-old congregation, having now 400 members and 200 Sunday school pupils, completed a refinancing program which released the money lent to it by the Church Extension fund.

Seattle, Wash. On March 6 the 26th annual Fishermen's Festival was held in Ballard First Lutheran Church, a service asking God's blessings on the Alaska fishing fleet. The sermon was preached by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Arnold F. Anderson. Among those in attendance were the governor of Washington, Arthur B. Langlie, and Dr. O. L. Haavik, former pastor of the Ballard Church who originated the service about a quarter-century ago. The church was filled to overflowing

ELC ARCHIVES

Guided by a committee on archives, consisting of Dr. T. F. Gullixson, Dr. J. C. K. Preus, Dr. O. G. Malmin, Dr. Clifford Nelson, and Dr. Kenneth Bjork, the General Secretary's Office is charged with responsibility for ELC archives, which are to be gathered together and kept in the Luther Seminary Library. Operating with a special grant of funds for this purpose by the Board of Trustees, Dr. Karl Jacobsen, former librarian at Luther College and Luther Seminary, has been entrusted with this work.

With merger in prospect, the time for making a special effort along this line lies in the next few years. The work will consist of three main parts: (1) providing a central list of archive material already assembled in other locations; (2) gathering synodical archive material; and (3) collecting congregational archive material, especially from older congregations.

Individuals and congregations possessing historical records such as early ministerial record books, congregational minutes, and early constitutions, important letters from or by historical personages, important committee minutes, etc., are urged to advise Dr. Jacobsen of such material. It is hoped that material found suitable can be sent in to the Seminary Library for permanent storage, or at least for microfilming, so that these valuable records will not be lost and will be available for historical research.

Dr. Jacobsen may be addressed in care of Luther Theological Seminary, Como Ave. and Luther Place, St. Paul 8, Minnesota.

and thousands listened to the radio broadcast over Station KOMO.

LUTHERAN WELFARE COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN NEW YORK

Reports presented at the 23rd annual meeting March 8 of the Lutheran Welfare Council of Metropolitan New York showed a total operating expense of $4,301,409, during 1954, of the 28 member agencies; also that 12,242 children were helped, and that 42,370 interviews were held by twelve institutional chaplains. The annual meeting heard an address on institutional chaplaincy services by the Rev. F. M. Norstad of the Minnesota Lutheran Welfare Society. President of the Council board is the Rev. Peter H. Elstad, Jersey City, N. J. The Rev. M. E. Silseth has been the Council's public relations director since September, 1954.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. H. A. Helsem

Mrs. Beatrice Hopperstad Helsem, widow of the Rev. H. A. Helsem (who died in 1949), passed away March 11 at her daughter's home in Athens, Ohio at 72 years old. Burial took place March 15 in Minneapolis, Minn. In her youth she attended St. Olaf College, and in 1911 she married H. A. Helsem, then a student at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul and later pastor at Wautoma, Wis., and Grafton, N. Dak. She is survived by a son, a daughter, and two sisters.

Dr. R. M. Fjelstad

Dr. Rudolph M. Fjelstad, former president of Northern Minnesota District, died March 16 at Northfield, Minn., at 69 years of age. At his funeral March 19 at St. John's Church in Northfield, the sermon was preached by Dr. J. A. Aasgaard. A son of the late Rev. and Mrs. R. K. Fjelstad, the deceased was born Feb. 17, 1886, at Montevideo, Minn. After graduating from St. Olaf College in 1908 he attended the United Church Seminary,

St. Paul, graduating in 1911. In 1945 he was awarded the D.D. degree by Concordia College, Moorhead. Minn. He served pastorates in Minneapolis (1911-15), Emmons, Minn., (1915-22), Stoughton, Wis., (1922-29), and Thief River Falls, Minn., (1929-41). In 1941 he was elected president of the Northern Minnesota District, resigning in 1951 on account of impaired health. In 1914 he married Miss Gena Loken, who survives him together with two sons and three daughters.

Mrs. Belle Johnson

Mrs. Belle Johnson of Adams, Wis., widely known as Grandma Johnson, died Feb. 19 at Lodi, Wis., at 90½ years of age. Funeral services were held Feb. 24 at Rio, Wis. Pastors E. W. Wilson and A. M. Rusten officiating. She was a native of Rio. Survivors are a daughter and three grandchildren. Mrs. Johnson carried on an extensive correspondence, also with missionaries and other church leaders.

Einar H. Olstad

Einar H. Olstad, Sentinel Butte, N. D., nationally famous painter of western scenes, died March 6, 77 years of age. Having unusual talent in artistic iron work as a blacksmith, he designed the iron sign for Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park. His religious paintings are found in several churches. His pictures were displayed at the ELC Convention in Minneapolis last June. Funeral services were at Beach, N. D., March 10, with the Rev. O. L. Olsrud officiating and Mr. A. S. Bragstad speaking for the family. Burial was at Sentinel Butte. He is survived by his wife and a son.

John O. Anderson

John O. Anderson, a faithful member of Rock Valle Church, Echo, Minn., died March 10, in his 87th year. Funeral services were held March 14 at the church named, the Rev. A. L. Asper officiating. Anderson was born June 26, 1878, in Yellow Medicine County, Minn. In 1900 he married Alma Peterson, who survives him together with four sons, seven daughters, 25 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

LENTEN PRAYER REMINDER GIVEN TO CHILDREN

a special worship for children held on Ash Wednesday at Our Saviour's Church in wego, Oregon, each child attending was given a luminous plastic cross as a Lenten yer reminder. In the picture the pastor of the church, the Rev. William Gentz, is shown senting crosses to three of the children. A similar service was held also a year ago.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wanted: 80 or 100 old or used Concordia hymnals. Please contact the Rev. Tenner Thompson, Jr., Grantsburg, Wis.

Wanted: A reasonably priced set of Lenski's Commentary. Write Jack Landrud, Luther Theological Seminary, Como Ave. and Luther Place, St. Paul 8, Minn.

One altar, one altar railing, one pulpit, one baptismal font. All of good, solid oak wood, and in excellent condition. If interested, contact the Rev. A. K. Odden, Stillwater, Minn.

Yankton Circuit WMF will meet April 21 at Elim Church, west of Irene, S. Dak. Speaker: the Rev. Samuel Carlsen.

Aberdeen Circuit WMF will meet May 3 at Webster, S. Dak.

Decorah Circuit WMF will meet April 26 at Calmar, Iowa. Speakers: Mesdames E. W. Sihler and Merrill Gilbertson.

Wanted: Information about where a copy of Dr. F. A. Schmidt's book "Intuitu Fidei" (printed 1895) may be obtained as a loan for a brief time. Write Johan Rodvik, Mc Intosh, Minn.

Goodhue Circuit WMF will meet May 6 at Land Church near Zumbrota, Minn.

Trinity Church, Yankton, S. Dak., (parish of the Rev. C. G. Lygre) will broadcast its regular Sunday morning services, beginning April 3, over station KYNT, a new station, 1450 on the radio dial. The broadcast will be called "The Voice of Trinity."

Mankato Circuit WMF will meet April 26 at Grace Church, Fairmont, Minn. Speaker: H. Muus of the Plymouth Youth Center.

Eagle Grove Circuit WMF will meet April 13 at Linn Grove, Iowa. Speaker: Mrs. Oscar Branstad.

Luther League circuit conventions will be held as follows:

April 17—Seattle Circuit at Phinney Ridge Church, Seattle, Wash.

April 23-24—Sioux City Circuit at Soldier, Iowa.

April 24—Mitchell Circuit at Mitchell, S. D.

April 24—Goodhue Circuit at St. John's Church, Northfield, Minn.

April 30-May 1—Turtle Mountain at Ox Creek Church, Rolette, N. Dak.

April 15-17—Southern Alberta Ci
cuit at Claresholm, Alberta.

April 23-24—Twin Valley Circuit Borup, Minn.

April 23-24—Oakes Circuit at L bon, N. Dak.

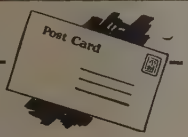
April 24—Fillmore Circuit at Ce tral, Winona, Minn.

April 24—Sisseton Circuit at Peeve S. Dak.

April 29-30—Columbia Circuit Longview, Wash.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS FOR PASTORS

H. W. Melby, Clarissa, Minn. 5-24-55
Elmer Okland, 2901 Western Ave., Pa Forest, Ill. 3-1-55
G. E. Undem, Pierpont, S. Dak. 6-1-55
J. D. Gilmore, Opheim, Montana, 9-1-
Ordained: November 4, 1954



Correspondence

SPIRITUAL FASTING AND LENT

►The ancient prophet Joel well described a right and proper observance of true, spiritual fasting in these immortal words: "And rend your heart, and not your garments" (Joel 2:13). Since we are now in the middle of another Lenten season, let us always keep this in the upper chambers of our minds and hearts. Jesus spoke to Nicodemus in the same vein when He told him of the primary requisite for becoming a Christian. He said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the spirit is spirit" (John 3:6). How often we hear acquaintances say something like, "It is Lent now. For Lent I have decided to give up alcoholic beverages, candy, certain pastries, etc." In so doing too often these poor, disillusioned folks really think that they have accomplished good for themselves and their God. Since when does depriving the physical body of anything purify the soul? So-called fasting is absolutely carnal, born of the flesh, for the flesh, and has no merit in the spiritual realm. Jesus said, as I quoted, that anything born of the flesh is never above flesh."

Let us rather do some real fasting. Let us abstain from all that is anti-Christian. Let us put away fornication, heresy, strife, and all fleshly lusts. In so doing let us hold a spiritual banquet as well. Let us feast on the Word of the living God, and do our best to translate it into living reality in our everyday lives. By the end of the forty days of Lent it should become a rather fixed habit. Repetition creates habits. Good habits, once formed, are just as automatic with us as are the less wholesome ones. Then, if after these forty days, we have grown in spiritual strength, and these habits formed now have become a part and parcel of our spiritual personality, we can rest assured that our 1955 Lenten season was, for us, a very successful one indeed. With the help of Almighty God, may we all succeed in a program of real, personal, spiritual fasting this Lenten season of 1955.

VERNON G. PACKARD
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Church Versus State

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Not only in the Lutheran Church in Croatia a Bosnia, but also in other synods, such as the Sloveni Synod, is the work of the Church growing. Not too lo ago, the Slovenia Lutheran Church could rejoice, becau the last of the Lutheran churches in Slovenia, those Ljubljana, Celje, and Maribor were returned to t Church. Now the three congregations can once aga worship in their own churches. Programs such as eva gelism and stewardship keep the connection close b tween the churches in Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, a Serbia. Only the Slovak Lutheran Church will not co pletely co-operate, since they hold fast to nationalis traditions.

We can say that in these ten years since 1945, the L theran Church in this part of the world has increas both in strength and in faith. The Lutherans in Yug slavia know that they are not alone, and they ha had their faith strengthened because they have se what the Lord has done for them.

As mentioned before, the Lutheran Church in Yug slavia included a great number of ethnic German L therans. Large numbers have left the country and ha moved to Germany, although about 55,000 remain Yugoslavia. Most families are divided and Germa has made an agreement with Yugoslavia, whereby th ethnic German Lutherans can now move to Germa

The Lutheran Church is thereby losing a great nu ber of her members, which means that the synods Croatia, Bosnia, and Serbia could almost become extin But contrary to this the Slovak and Slovenian Luth ans, which is the Slavic Lutheran Church, seem remain strong.

The next article will be on the important work Lutheran World Relief in Yugoslavia.

Do you mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, and, perhaps, neighborhood friends wonder whether your boy or girl, man or woman, way out there in California, down in Texas, up in Washington, or even in Minnesota is attending a Lutheran church? By simply filling out this coupon and sending it in, perhaps a family will be saved for the Church.

I KNOW SOMEONE WHO
SHOULD BE IN A LUTHERAN CHURCH

Name _____

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(ADDRESS)

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(CITY) (STATE)

I would like to know if they are attending a Lutheran church in this area.

You may mention my name: (yes) ..... (no) .....

Signed:

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422 South Fifth Street
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

PARISH CONSERVATION AND EXTENSION THROUGH . . .

THE PLACEMENT SERVICE

The Placement Service of the E.L.C. serves many people each year. Read the listings below. They may be of value to you or someone that you know. The merits of the propositions advertised have not been investigated and the Placement Service assumes no responsibility in the matter. Send your ads and communications to: The Placement Service of the E.L.C., 422 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota. (Refer to ad number when inquiring.)

FOR SALE

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125 acre farm for sale in Dodge Co., Minn. room house, bath. 42x54 barn, running er; insulated hen house; machine shed; age; 20 acres seeded to grass land. 2 miles n village; active Lutheran community. e $22,000. 407-1A

40 acre farm in Central Minn., for sale. t of soil, all tillable. Very good buildings, l with pressure system. 4 miles from town good road. School bus and milk route. heran community. 407-2A

20 acre farm, good land, fair buildings, sale in Central Minn. On school bus and k route. Can be bought on contract for d $6,000 down; balance at 4%. 407-3A

ery good 331 acre farm for sale in Cen- Minn. 6 room house, barn, silo, granary, n crib, hog house, chicken house, nice e. Most of land under cultivation; no or rocks. Telephone, electricity and bus ice. Can be bought at $65 per acre; terms be arranged for part of purchase price at interest. 407-4A

or sale—40 acre farm in Goodhue Co., n. Located on good county road. REA. d house and barn. On mail and school bus routes. Across road from Lutheran church. 407-5A

80 acre farm for sale in Kanabec Co., Minn. Good 8 room house, other buildings. Elec. 4 miles from county seat and Lutheran churches. Immediate possession. 407-6A

Lakeshore farm for sale in Northern Minn. Beautiful resort spot. 50 acres open; 90 acres pasture and timber. Good buildings on highway. 500 foot lakeshore; good fishing lake. 407-7A

160 acre farm for sale in Polk Co., Minn. About 50 acres open; large pasture area. Lots of good timber. Ideal for sheep and cattle. New 4 room house, other buildings fair. REA. Good well. Near school bus route and church. Priced to sell. 407-8A

For sale—400 acre farm in Sherburne Co., Minn. Lutheran locality. Good roads; on mail, school bus and milk route. House, barn, sheds, other buildings. 235 acres cultivated. Large woven pasture, water, timber, fruit, berries. Priced at $35 per acre. Arrange terms and possession. 407-9A

For sale—160 acres in Wadena Co., Minn. About 40 acres alfalfa, 25 acres or more open land. Fair buildings, REA, good roads. Price, $3,000; terms. 407-10A

80 acre farm for sale in Clark Co., Wis. All equipped; 70 acres cultivated; 3 miles from Lutheran church. Nice buildings, 22 cattle and other personal property. Liberal terms. Owner 70 years old. A real buy if taken at once. 407-11A

For sale—Trout farm, spring fed ponds, excellent for minnows and trout. Nice trout now in stock with complete dairy farm; 29 holstein cows, 8 heifers and machinery. Dunn Co., Wis. 407-12A

Homes

Modern 2 bedroom furnished home, large living room, 2 car garage with work shop, fenced yard, peach and orange trees. Across street from park in Long Beach, California. Near bus line, ELC and other Lutheran churches. Close to large shopping centers. Good reasons for selling. Price only $16,000. Might consider selling unfurnished. Terms to responsible party. 407-13B

Businesses

Gamble Store agency for sale in town near Grand Forks, North Dakota. Owner selling due to old age and poor health. 24x80 one story building on corner lot, living rooms in back of store. Business has been in steady operation for 30 years. Farming community. 407-14C

60x40 cement block 3 stall garage with all bench tools, welder and air compressor, two gas pumps on highway 10 in prosperous little Montana town. Good schools with bus service. Lutheran community. 407-15C

Ideal opportunity for general merchandise store in rich farming community in East Central North Dakota. 50x80 brick building for sale or rent. Stock reduced to suit buyer. 6 room modern apartment in building. Owner retiring. 407-16C

Hardware store for sale. Shelf hardware, plumbing, heating. Growing business in good farming area in Southern Minnesota. Building includes modern 5 room apartment. Lutheran church in town. New school. 407-17C

Lumber yard and carpenter business for sale in Eastern North Dakota town. Includes 5 picket fenced lots in heart of town, 60x100 concrete block building, equipment, fixtures and present stock of materials. Excellent business territory, good school, fine Lutheran church. House available. Disability only reason for selling. 407-18C

Licensed and fully accredited nursing home with 16-20 residents for sale in Minn. Net earnings above average. Good reason for selling. 407-19C

WANTED TO BUY

Home, in town or close in, with small acreage. Send details of what you offer. 407-20B

FOR RENT

120 acre modern dairy farm 50 miles from Minneapolis for rent on 50-50 basis. No sand, rock, timber or swamp. 3 year contract to right party. Available Oct. 15, 1955. Will consider selling at termination of contract if suitable. 407-21A

Room for rent in south Mpls. Kitchen privileges. On Nicollet bus line. 407-44B

POSITIONS WANTED

Practical nurse desires position caring for elderly couple or people. 407-22D

Middle aged widow—retired teacher, lover of elderly people, would like position as assistant supt., supervisor or receptionist in Old People's Rest Home. Prefer Northern Minnesota. 407-23D

Middle-aged woman with reference desires housekeeping for widower in Northern Oregon. 407-24D

Middle-aged Lutheran woman would like position as housekeeper or companion in Minneapolis Christian home. Light work, some pay. 407-25D

Experienced housekeeper wants position doing general housework, on farm or in town, in and around St. Croix Co., Wisconsin. 407-26D

General custodian work wanted in some institution. Have good experience in the electrical field. Minneapolis preferred but other places will be given consideration. 407-27E

Married man, in his thirties, with two children, desires position as hospital administrator. B.S.C. degree from Univ. of North Dakota. Presently employed as business manager of 77 bed hospital. 407-28E

HELP WANTED

Experienced housekeeper wanted for one adult in Minneapolis. Good home for right person. 407-29F

Housekeeper wanted in modern Minnesota home for widower with boy, 8, and girl, 10. 407-30F

Position of combination receptionist and front office worker open in modern Lutheran background hospital in Northwestern Minn. Good salary and working conditions. 407-31F

Parish worker wanted in ELC congregation in Iowa. 407-32F

Lutheran church in Washington D.C. wants church secretary who loves people. Must be able to take dictation and mimeograph. State age, salary wanted and education. 407-33F

Opportunity for registered nurse as superintendent of small hospital in Nebraska town of 3,000. 5-10 years experience in hospital supervisory work desirable. Good personality, Christian character, native administrative ability mandatory. On the job training will be given. Good salary, attractive personnel policies. 407-34F

Opening for registered nurse as superintendent of new 26 bed deluxe hospital in South Central Kansas town. State qualifications. 407-35F

Combination Lab X-ray technician wanted for new well equipped small hospital in Great Plains state. 407-36F

Rapidly growing Lutheran organization operating group of small new hospitals in Midwest needs Assistant Director. Graduate of school of hospital administration preferred. Must be Lutheran. 407-37G

First and Second grade combination teacher needed in Southern California Lutheran Elementary Day School. State experience and references. Enclose photo. 407-38G

Opening for competent linotype operator. Position could lead to ownership of county seat weekly in Northwestern North Dakota. 407-39G

Opening on local daily newspaper staff in Southern Minnesota, handling the night wire and some local. 407-40G

Friendly, clean Nebraska community is in need of a reputable young man to establish himself in the painting business. 407-41G

Janitor and handyman wanted at Lutheran academy in South Dakota. 407-42G

First class barber needed in Eastern Washington town of 6,000. Two chair shop. 407-43G

In Loving Remembrance

Memorial Wreaths—ELC

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them. Revelation 14:13.

In loving remembrance of dear ones departed, the following gifts for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God have been given.

From January 3 through 7, 1955

Nelson, John, Story City, Iowa, $6.
Nelson, Orlyn, Osseo, Wis., $14.
Odegaard, Mrs., Bottineau, N. Dak., $1.
Olson, Mrs. Steine, South Wayne, Wis., $5.
Olson, Theodore, Madison, Minn., $1.
Osvald, Mrs. Hedwig, Canton, Wis., $3.
Paulson, Mrs., Larrimore, N. Dak., $5.
Paulson, Mrs. Agnetta, Osseo, Wis., $95.50.
Paulson, Nels, Meckling, S. Dak., $17.
Peterson, Mrs. Christ, Bagley, Minn., $4.
Peterson, Mrs. Leif, Bristol, S. Dak., $41.
Peterson, Lewis, Lake Park, Minn., $2.
Peterson, Sophia, Ulvik, La Vere, Maynard, Minn., $10.
Peterson, Mrs. William, Morris, Ill., $2.50.
Poff, James, Bottineau, N. Dak., $1.
Quam, Mrs. P., Barron, Wis., $3.
Rasmussen, Mrs. Rudolph, Hartington, Neb., $2.
Renaas, Mrs. Bertha, Decorah, Iowa, $5.
Richards, William, Spring Valley, Wis., $5.
Risvold, Mrs., Minneapolis, Minn., $5.
Rogness, Helge R., Hudson, S. Dak., $7.
Ruud, C. H., Fargo, N. Dak., $3.
Sagen, Priscilla, Ortordville, Wis., $2.
Sandstel, Nels, Bottineau, N. Dak., $17.
Selland, Gustav, Fergus Falls, Minn., $50.
Severson, Peter, Blanchardville, Wis., $25.
Silness, E. T., Rolla, N. Dak., $10.
Skaane, Mrs. Mary, Gayville, S. Dak., $7.
Stefferud, Peder, Cashton, Wis., $16.50.
Stomme, Mr. and Mrs. H. E., Sioux City, Iowa, $
Strand, Alfred C., Blooming Prairie, Minn., $1.
Swenby, Art, Baldwin, Wis., $19.
Swenson, Mrs. John, New Richland, Minn., $5.
Tande, Mrs. Emma, Osseo, Wis., $1.
Teskelson, Mrs. Margaret, Manitowoc, Wis., $22.
Thompson, Inga, Williston, N. Dak., $45.
Tollefsrud, Mrs. Minnie, Ortordville, Wis., $2.
Torpen, Edward, Osseo, Wis., $145.50.
Victor, William, Mitchell, S. Dak., $4.
Wennby, Esther, Clearbrook, Minn., $5.
Williamson, Ole, Ortordville, Wis., $2.
Wolden, Louis, Superior, Wis., $10.
Woodruff, Mrs. Ida, Vermillion, S. Dak., $3.

From January 10 through 14, 1955

Almen, Mrs. Kari, Dennison, Minn., $6.
Anderson, J. T., St. Ansgar, Iowa, $30.
Anderson, Olaf, Kasson, Minn., $3.
Anderson, Mrs. Ole, Ellendale, Minn., $1.
Anderson, W. C., St. Ansgar, Iowa, $15.
Aune, Mrs. Josephine, New Westminster, B. C. Canada, $10.
Bakken, Carl, Fosston, Minn., $2.
Benson, Mrs., Johnson, M., Chaplain, Sask., Canada, $12.
Berg, Mrs. Marion, Rugby, N. Dak., $2.50.
Berg, Sigvart, Ettrick, Wis., $6.
Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, St. James, Minn., $
Christenson, Mr. and Mrs. Christ, Benson, Minn $10.
Clausen, Mrs., Starkweather, N. Dak., $5.
Clifford, Diane, Lignite, N. Dak., $1.50.
Dahl, Ole J., Dawson, Minn., $34.
Dans, T. J., Fargo, N. Dak., $3.
De Frates, Mrs., Hill, John, Lewis, Ben, Haug Wis., $15.
Dickenson, Mrs., Lignite, N. Dak., $1.50.
Drentlaw, Mrs. Fred, McIntosh, Minn., $4.
Eide, Mrs. Petra, Henning, Minn., $12.
Eligen, C., St. Ansgar, Iowa, $9.
Erickson, Ingvald E., Benson, Minn., $100.
Erickson, Mancur, Buxton, N. Dak., $5.
Evenson, Mrs. O. P., Ellendale, Minn., $51.50.
Feller, Peter, Rushford, Minn., $2.
Flaagan, Arvidell, Hamar, N. Dak., $6.
Flaten, Ed. S., Benson, Minn., $6.
Froisland, Mrs. Marcus, Ellsworth, Wis., $10.
Geyer, John, Benson, Minn., $4.
Gjersing, Mrs. Lena, Benson, Minn., $3.
Golberg, C. N., St. Ansgar, Iowa, $3.
Grose, Mrs. I. F., Northfield, Minn., $5.
Grove, Ole H., Maynard, Minn., $20.
Grussing, Fred, Benson, Minn., $8.
Gusdal, Mr. and Mrs. Gulik, Benson, Minn., $3.
Haagenson, Harry, Veblen, S. Dak., $17.
Halvorson, Mrs. Delphine, Benson, Minn., $5.
Halvorson, Theo., St. James, Minn., $5.
Hamberg, Norval, Oakland, Minn., $30.50.
Hanson, Mrs. Ed., Newark, Ill., $129.30.
Hanson, Mrs. Fina, Battle Lake, Minn., $24.
Hanson, Mrs. H. E., Windom, Minn., $3.
Hanson, Henry, Appleton, Minn., $2.
Hanson, Mrs. Walter, Weldon, Sask., Canada, $
Haugen, Mrs. O. T., Ryder, N. Dak., $3.
Havig, Oscar, St. Ansgar, Iowa, $5.
Helling, Clarence, Hanska, Minn., $5.
Hendrikson, Irving, St. Ansgar, Iowa, $25.50.
Hepner, F. J., Aberdeen, Wash., $5.
Holland, Peter T., Lake Preston, S. Dak., $3.
Ingebretson, C. L., Fargo, N. Dak., $5.
Jacobson, Mrs. Korsten, Hanska, Minn., $6.
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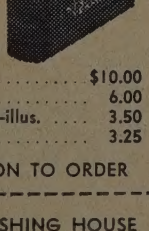

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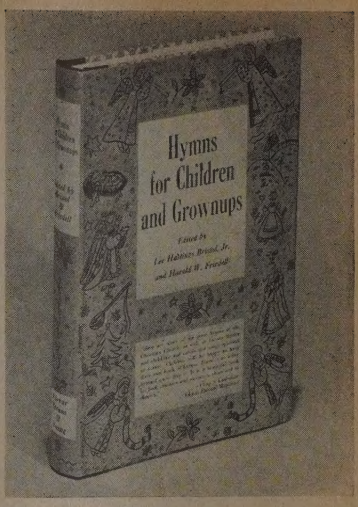

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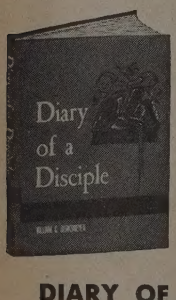

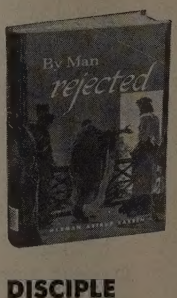

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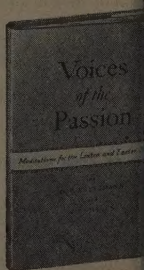

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